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OSO Report 12-7-0-376 dated 6 December 1944, Istanbul. This report is the product of The Balkan Press Bureau, Istanbul, and is titled, "Who Is Who In Bulgaria". This report mentions Dr. Ivan DOCHEV as being Head of Department for Oral and Practical Propaganda of the National Propaganda Directorate.

OSO Report 12-6-2-524 is the record of a conversation between George M. DIMITROV and a representative of OPC, which took place in August 1949. During this conversation DIMITROV stated that Ivan DOCHEV, former Deputy Minister of Propaganda and who broadcast on Radio DONAU for the Nazis, was active in connection with Operation Rusty and according to the last word he, DIMITROV, received, DOCHEV was still receiving funds from "the American Intelligence Headquarters near Munich." DIMITROV offered to produce documentary proof that DOCHEV had been claiming, among Bulgarian emigres, that he had been trying to recruit, that he enjoys the full blessing of American authorities who back him completely. DIMITROV further states that DOCHEV, still presumably an American Agent, was in communication with (Col.) ZAIMOV, who allegedly runs Bulgarian intelligence activities in Western Europe from Rome.

OSO Report 200-7-50-89 is listed under Bulgarian anti-Communist Activities; concerns The Bulgarian National Committee, and is dated 8 November 1950. This report mentions how Ivan DOCHEV was chief of Bulgarian Legationnaires and Cabinet Chief of the Premier in TSANKOV'S Quisling Government. This report goes on to mention that DOCHEV in 1947-1948 made an offer of collaboration to DIMITROV, but received no reply. He, DOCHEV, then offered his services to (Col.) ZAIMOV, Bulgarian Military Attache in Rome and Chief of Bulgaria's espionage service in Western Europe. In this connection ZAIMOV dispatched in May 1948, his secret agent Nicola TOSHEV, a Bulgarian student residing in Rome, to meet DOCHEV in Munich. (Agents note: This report is translated from Italian, unsworn, and pro-DIMITROV.)

OSO Report 6-8-2-28 is an interrogation report on one Nikola K. NIKOLOV, dated 22 March 1951, from Chief of Station, Vienna. The summary of this interrogation reflects that NIKOLOV is of no interest at the present because he lacks knowledge of the area from where he came; is an extreme Rightist (Fascist) at heart; and is closely tied up with the remnants of the "Bulgarian Legion" (which former Zipper Agent Ivan DOCHEV is connected with.) NIKOLOV would be likely to report any operational approach to DOCHEV, who has numerous intelligence connections.

OSO Report 200-7-50-145 (Fund Memo #20) is the Monthly Report for April 1951, on Bulgaria. This memo mentions that the Fund has recently received a letter from DOCHEV, prominent member of the Bulgarian National Front, attacking DIMITROV of the Bulgarian National Committee. It is reliably reported that DOCHEV is going to Canada. It has been rumored that he attempted to emigrate to the U.S. but that he had been rejected for reasons unknown.

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